

VIRGINIA BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS  
MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 17, 1995

TIME AND PLACE: The meeting was called to order at 9:15 a.m. in Conference Room 3 of the Department of Health Professions, 6606 West Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia.

PRESIDING: C. Roy Woodruff, Ph.D., Chairman, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Nina W. Brown, Ed.D.  
Charles F. Gressard, Ed.D., Vice Chairman  
Ruth Aileen Hancock  
Michael J. Kelly  
Susan D. Leone, Ed.D.  
Barbara L. Longeway  
J. Steve Strosnider

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Richard S. Luck, Ed.D.

STAFF PRESENT: Evelyn B. Brown, Executive Director  
Joyce D. Williams, Administrative Assistant  
Janet Delorme, Research Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT: John W. Hasty, Director, Department of Health Professions  
Robert A. Nebiker, Deputy Director, Department of Health Professions  
Lynn Fleming, Assistant Attorney General

Representatives for Certified Rehabilitation Providers were present.

MINUTES: The minutes of September 16, 1994 were approved as amended.  
The minutes of December 2, 1994 were approved as amended.

REGULATORY REVIEW: Public Participation Guidelines

The Board reviewed the public participation guidelines presented by Mr. Nebiker.

A motion was made by Dr. Gressard to adopt the report on the Public Participation Guidelines and forward them to the Director

of the Department of Health Professions. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

### **Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors**

The Board discussed the proposed Regulations Governing the Certification of Substance Abuse Counselors and alternatives for achieving the essential purpose of these regulations in delivering services to persons diagnosed as having substance abuse problems or addictions.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly to amend the regulations as suggested by the Task Force on Substance Abuse Regulations, which noted that the current regulations are substandard and contain less than the minimal education necessary to assure delivery of competent services. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Board authorized staff to prepare an analysis, summarize the Board's action taken today, and forward the report to the Director of the Department.

### **Regulations Governing the Certification of Rehabilitation Providers (Renewal Fees and Standards)**

The Board reviewed the proposed regulations on standards of practice and renewal fees for certified rehabilitation providers adopted by the Advisory Board on Rehabilitation Providers.

#### **Fees**

A motion was made by Mr. Strosnider that the initial license fee be set at \$100 and annual renewal fee \$50.00. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

#### **Standards of Practice**

A motion was made by Mr. Strosnider that page 1, number 4 of the regulations be deleted and renumbered accordingly. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Strosnider that page 3, number 21 be changed to number 20 and read "Never engage in sexual intimacies

with rehabilitation clients or former clients...." The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Ms. Longeway to approve the standards of practice as amended with the addition of a definition of rehabilitation client in the list of definitions outlined in the regulations. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

### **Regulations Governing the Practice of Professional Counseling (Fees)**

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly to adopt the Pre-notice of Intended Regulatory Review to allow the Board to reduce fees. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS:**

### **Chairman**

Dr. Woodruff discussed the national accreditation for the Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada (ATS). Dr. Woodruff asked the Board to accept schools accredited by ATS as being equivalent to regional accreditation. A motion was made by Dr. Gressard to accept Dr. Woodruff's proposal. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The Board noted that acceptance of schools accredited by the ATS will be a Board policy which is intended as a guide for credentials review and may be considered in regulatory review at a later date.

### **Executive Director**

Ms. Brown reported on the status of SB1024 regarding marriage and family therapists and HB2282 regarding rehabilitation providers. This report was accepted as information.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS: Examination**

Mr. Strosnider reported that the Examination Committee recommends that the Board authorize up to \$2,000 to prepare practice clinical simulations and exam preparation packages for candidates approved to take the examination. The Examination Committee will determine which clinical simulations will be included in the examination package. The information will be mailed by Applied Measurement Professionals at the time the candidate is sent an admission ticket to sit for the examination.